

ITF SENIORS CIRCUIT

RULE CHANGES 2019

Section 1, III. RULES OF THE CIRCUIT

20. Allocation of Points

iv) In knock-out draws, if a tournament is abandoned, players will receive points for the round reached up to that point. In round robin draws, players will receive a percentage (%) of points available depending on the number of matches won, and the number of ranking points awarded to the winner of the event. E.g. if a player is in a round robin group of 5 players and has played and won 2 out of 4 scheduled matches, she/he will earn 50% of the ranking points that would be awarded to the winner of the event.

Section 1, IV. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

26. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

iii) The Entry Deadline is at 10.00am GMT on the Tuesday, Six (6) days prior, to the Monday of the Tournament week. A Tournament Organiser may choose to extend the Doubles/ Mixed Doubles Entry Deadline by holding a sign-in on-site, details of which shall be published in the official Fact Sheet. Doubles teams that fully completed their entry online, are not required to reconfirm by signing in. If there are changes to an entered doubles team, the players must inform the Referee before the sign-in deadline of such change.

iv) The Withdrawal Deadline (same as entry deadline) is at 10.00am GMT on the Tuesday, Six (6) days prior, to the Monday of the Tournament week.

29. Composition of draws

At the discretion of the tournament director and/or Referee and prior to the draw being made, all tournaments may accept an unlimited number of non-seeded players (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) as late entries to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website).

32. Entry Definitions

Wild Cards (WC)

At the entry deadline, up to two (2) entered players per event may be directly included in the qualifying and/or main draw as a Wild Card at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Wild cards must not be seeded players (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline). Main draw wild card requests, including tournaments with on-site doubles sign-in, must be submitted to the Tournament Director and Referee by the entry deadline. Wild cards who withdraw cannot be replaced with new wild cards before the draw is made.

Late Entries

Late entries may be added to a draw after the entry deadline at the discretion of the Referee. Late entries must not be seeded (in accordance with their ranking as at the tournament entry deadline) and only to fill empty spaces within a draw (draw size as published on the tournament fact sheet on the ITF website). Any late entry requests may be declined by the Referee if received less than 24 hours before the draw is made.

33. Vacancies and Substitutions

Doubles

If a player in a doubles team is forced to withdraw due to injury or exceptional circumstance, she/he can be replaced by another player up to but not later than the time the draw is made. If a replacement partner is not nominated the team shall be withdrawn and the open position shall be filled by the next eligible team, if applicable.

A replacement partner may or may not already be entered in the tournament.

40. Withdrawal of Seeds

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs before the event has started, if reasonably practical the selection of seeds may be revised as set out below:

Seed Withdrawing	Replacement Seed
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>3 or 4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>5 to 8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>9 to 16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>17 to 32</u>	<u>33</u>

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after 4.00 p.m. (1600 hours) local time on the day before the start of that event, or the publication of the order of play, may be filled by an alternate if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying competition (where a qualifying draw has taken place) or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying competition. If there are no Alternates, then the next seed shall receive a bye and the player they were originally playing shall move to the now vacant position in the draw.

Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed which occurs after 4.00 p.m. (1600 hours) local time or the publication of the order of play, on the day before the start of that event, shall be filled by an alternate if prior to the commencement of the Qualifying competition or by the eligible Lucky Loser if after the commencement of the Qualifying competition.

43. Draws of Eight (8) or Less Players / Teams

In singles events at all other tournaments a round-robin format must be played for any event with less than eight (8) players entered (except when an event has 5 players and fewer than 5 days of play, when a knock-out draw may be played instead of a Round Robin. A singles event must comprise a minimum of three (3) players to qualify for ranking points.

APPENDIX I

NATIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

2. National Closed Championships may choose to run the tournament in accordance with the regulations of the National Association where the tournament is held, including criteria for acceptances and seeding and appointment of referee.

APPENDIX II

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (GRADE RC)

3. There is no restriction to the number of Regional Championships that a player may compete at, in a calendar year. Regional Championships are open to all players, regardless of their nationality (subject to a valid Seniors IPIN membership and good standing with their National Association). A player participating in Regional Championships must have registered for a valid Seniors IPIN membership and must have paid the annual IPIN fee.